

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 28, 2017

MONDAY:

- ❖ Our Lady's Prayer Group.
- ❖ Grupo de Evangelización San Pio X, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

- ❖ LITTLE ROCK BIBLE STUDY, 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ ULTREYA, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:

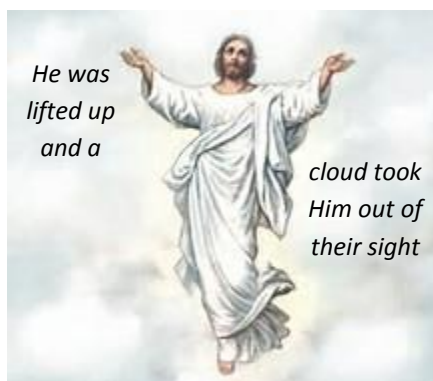
- ❖ HORA SANTA, 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

- ❖ FIRST FRIDAY. Adoration following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ PRIMER VIERNES. Adoración después la Misa de 9:00 a.m. hasta las 7:30 a.m. del sábado.

SATURDAY:

- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
- ❖ Vigil masses at 5:00 p.m. (en español) and 7:00 p.m. (English)



SAINT ROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT is Open for Next Year: Open enrollment has begun for next year. Saint Rose families receive priority enrollment. Register soon to reserve your family's spot. If you need more information or would like to tour the school, please call the office at 754-4901.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES are at the parish office, and anyone who did not get their First Communion certificate last week, can also pick theirs up.

**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS ARE
DUE BACK
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.**

QUO VADIS DAYS is a 3-day camp for young Catholic men to learn more about the priesthood, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God's call in their lives. Quo Vadis" is the Latin phrase for "Where are you going?" Our activities will include prayer, swimming, soccer, games, talks and discussions. It is a great opportunity to let the Lord speak to you and to spend time listening to Him. The camp will be held July 31st to August 2nd at Koinonia Camp, near Cle Elum. For more information and to register for the Yakima camp, call Father Felipe Pulido at 509-248-1911 or Seminarian Michael Kelly at (509) 367-5297 or via email: michael.kelly@yakimadiocese.net.



JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Diocese of Yakima has a full time position available for a Bilingual Administrative Assistant. The candidate will provide administrative support to the Development Office processing donations, and resolve parish and donor inquiries, and will serve as a resource for diocesan parishes. Full-time position with great benefits! Please submit your application by June 1, 2017. Applications can be found online at: <http://www.applitrack.com/yakimadiocese/onlineapp>.

STEWARDSHIP: The month of May is Stewardship Month in our diocese. May is an opportunity for each of us to take some time in the days and weeks ahead to reflect on the following question: "Lord, what do You want me to do with all the gifts You have given me?" Stewardship is all about doing what God wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. The challenge is that we cannot know what God wants from us unless we spend time every day communicating with God. **Stewardship**



of Time, Talent and Treasure:

- † **Time is...**Talking to God in Prayer, Attending Mass and services, assisting with parish activities, investing in community activities, being present to family and friends.
- † **Talent is...**Being a lector or usher, serving on a committee, leading a specific ministry, teaching to instruct and inspire, witnessing and evangelizing.
- † **Treasure is...** A planned, up-front decision to give, in grateful response to our blessings, sacrificial and without reservation.

You will soon have the opportunity to volunteer in some aspect of our parish ministries.... pray about it, pick up a flyer in the narthex, and be prepared to volunteer☺



NOCHE DE ALABANZA ADORACIÓN Y TESTIMONIO... *La Iglesia de Santa Rosa de Lima presenta Sonia Villareal* **Viernes, Junio 23 a las 7:00 p.m. Entrada gratis!**

Lugar: Gimnasio de Santa Rosa de Lima, 520 Nat Washington Way, Ephrata.



**STEUBENVILLE RETREAT
Spokane, July 28-30.**

Incoming Freshmen through Seniors.
Questions? Call Debbie Graaff.
Confirmation candidates, **YOU NEED TO HAVE MADE A RETREAT BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR.** It is your responsibility to get it done - Summer is a good time since there are no sports!

THE SHROUD OF TURIN Replica will be coming to St. Joseph's Parish! Please mark your calendars for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Mr. Bill Wingard, a Presenter for the Shroud of Turin Education & Research Project will be in Dillon Hall to give a 2-hour presentation on the Shroud, as he has done more than 40 times throughout the U.S. Not only does Bill have a full-scale replica of the Shroud that he explains during his presentations, but also he has a wealth of knowledge about its known history and about the ongoing scientific research efforts to verify its authenticity. This presentation probably will be of interest to the entire Tri-Cities community, so Dillon Hall likely will be filled to its capacity. For further information contact Bob DeLorenzo at (509) 585-4901.



PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI, FLORENCE & ROME:

September 19-30 under the Spiritual Direction of Bishop Joseph Tyson and Fr. Felipe Pulido. Information and registration forms are in the narthex, or call Deanna Martinez, (509) 760-3608; or Celia Butterfield, (509) 961-1823 for information.

SEMINARIAN FUND: Matching Challenge: Let's Raise Funds for Seminarians! Seminarian education is one of the biggest expenses for our diocese (Fiscal Year 2017-18: \$702,400 about \$50,170 per seminarian). Catholic Extension has agreed to provide matching dollars of up to \$25,000 for funds raised locally for a seminarian education endowment fund. Our diocesan goal is to raise \$1406999999,000 by December 31 of this year. Contact Alma Benitez at the Diocese, 509-965-7117 for more information or email her at alma.benitez@yakimadiocese.net.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME part of the team at Assured Hospice as a hospice volunteer. Volunteers brighten lives. They are hands that serve and hearts that care. If you want to learn more about hospice and what being a volunteer entails, call Holly Peeters at 509-766-2580.

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday – Lectors: Chuck and Debbie Graaff; Eucharistic Ministers: Bev McDonald and Bernie Ovenell

Sunday – Lectors: Theresa Flinn and Nancy Tax; Eucharistic Ministers: Dena Ybarra, Cleora Royston, John and Linda Couture, Kathleen Horning

OFFERTORY COLLECTION, May 21: \$4728.00

CHURCH CLEANING, June 3: Velma Dunkin

Reflections on Jesus' Ascension

On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

Three aspects of that new life stand out in the Second Mass Reading for the feast: "May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe" (Eph 1:18-19).

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendor and beauty. In his ascension, Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe." Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!



RACHEL'S VINEYARD: Suffering because of an abortion you could not stop? Perhaps your girlfriend or wife had an abortion against your will. Rachel's Vineyard will help you to grieve your loss and deal with the powerful feelings of anger and depression you are struggling with. Contact Lisa Petersen (509-421-7847 or lisapetersen65@gmail.com) for more information. Your call is confidential.

2017 REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE: This is a great opportunity for priests, deacons, parish staff and lay leaders who are involved, or wish to be involved, in helping to promote Stewardship in the Church. We invite you all to attend the Western Canada and Region XII Conference beginning Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11, 2017. The Conference will be at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC. Flyers are in the narthex.

God Takes The Summer Off

"We are sorry to inform you that God will not be available during the summer beginning June 1st. He feels He deserves some time off, so He has canceled His normal duties for the summer.

He has agreed to send the sun and rain occasionally when He happens to be in town, but so far as answering prayers for the needs of your family, please don't count on Him.

God has let church leaders know that they should not plan any outreach efforts or mission trips during the summer—or at least if they do, they will have to do it without Him because He plans to be gone a lot to see relatives, baseball games and the lake. God has expressed the opinion that we should find someone else to take His place.

Then we reminded Him of His promise, "Surely I will be with you always," but He said He didn't realize when He said it that it meant going two or three years without a break. He expressed His sincere regret and hopes that it will not cause anyone any inconvenience.

God may be contacted anytime after September 1st at which time He hopes to get back into the routine. "Please defer all requests until then," He requested.

Aren't you glad God doesn't take the summer off? As we approach summer, make it your determination to bring yourself and your family to God's House on Sunday. He'll be waiting for us to worship Him."



FONDOS PARA LOS SEMINARISTAS: ¡Vamos a recaudar fondos para los seminaristas! La colegiatura y educación de nuestros seminaristas es uno de los mayores gastos para nuestra diócesis (año fiscal 2017-18: \$702,400 un costo de \$50,170 por cada seminarista). Extensión Católica ha acordado proporcionar fondos equivalentes de hasta \$25,000 para fondos recaudados para la educación de nuestros seminaristas. Nuestra meta diocesana es recaudar \$140,000 para el 31 de diciembre de este año. Para más información contacto Alma Benitez, Directora de Corresponsabilidad y Desarrollo al (509) 367-5299.